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Trial by Jury in California—A Jury-
man's Arguments.

It will be recollected that the jury in the O'Connor murder case were sent out to deliberate on their verdict about one o'clock on last Saturday afternoon. They were brought into court several times, but stated that they were unable to agree, and were always sent out again. His Honor, Judge McKinstry, was evidently of the opinion that there was nothing in the case which would prevent an honest jury from agreeing on a verdict. For a day or two past it was generally understood that the jury stood eleven for conviction to one for acquittal. The name of this one appeared to be known, and his standing, by those who knew him, was freely discussed. At 1:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon the jury were brought into court. All looked weary and exhausted.

Judge McKinstry stated that if any of the jury had anything to say he would listen to them.

William Horsford, one of the jurors, arose and addressed the court substantially as follows:

I was told last night that if I did not decide so and so by another jurymen, it would be worse for me. This morning, while lying in bed, this man (pointing to Mr. Howard) stood over me, and threatened if I did not decide with him he would shoot me or cut me to pieces. Under these circumstances, if I should render a verdict in accordance with the desire of this gentleman it would be very wrong for me to do so; and I don't desire to sleep there again, because I don't think the man is sane, from the way he has acted.

H. C. Howard—I deny the charges; there is no truth in them.

Judge McKinstry—I don't care about hearing the merits of the case. If there is any juror who has any weapons on his person, let him surrender them at once to the sheriff.

Mr. Howard then took from his vest a bowie knife, and from his back pocket a dagger, which he handed over to the sheriff.

Judge McKinstry—It shocks the sense of decency that a juror should go into the jury room with weapons.

Mr. Howard—I deny the charges. I have carried arms since the law was repealed.

William Horsford—Furthermore, he stood over my bed this morning with a penknife, and did the same thing. Rather than go there and sleep another night in his company, I will agree with them upon a verdict, and do it under protest; and I will do it against my conscience.

H. C. Howard—I do not care.

William Horsford—Your Honor can ask the juror alongside of me.

Judge McKinstry asked what their prospects were.

Juror—I desire to represent to your Honor that an agreement is impossible. We have stood eleven to one since last Sunday.

Horsford—Why don't you say how we stood at first? We were in even proportions and divided on the verdict.

Judge McKinstry—This defendant will have to be tried, and I do not desire to comment on the case. I did not suppose there was anything in the case to prevent you from finding a verdict. The law supposes that when you go out to deliberate, you will agree. It is strange that a juror should go to the jury room armed, and on the other hand, the story told seems exceedingly improbable. It could not be that ten jurors would sit by and see one of their number arrested. What is the country coming to if such things are carried on? Gentlemen, you are discharged. I will state that soon after the jury went out I was told in a quasi way that there was a man on the jury that would hang it.—*Alta Californian.*

Appropos of a story told by its New York correspondent, the Philadelphia Press makes a capital suggestion as to the way in which actors might be identified at banks when presenting checks to be cashed. The story was that Joe Jefferson, not turned to his order because nobody knew Rip Van Winkle, "if my little dog Schneider were here he would know me." The suggestion is that if the following actors should find themselves in a similar predicament, Mr. Owens need only lay down his check and say, "Jones so and so," Lucille Western might cry, "O God! O God! my child, me oh-iden;" Pauline Markham might put her foot on the counter; and Edwin Forrest need only rush into the bank, seize the teller by the throat and yell "Liar and slave." No doubt the money would be instantly forthcoming.

POTOMAC FERRY COMPANY.

In order to promote public convenience, the owners of the line will, on to-morrow (Wednesday) the 27th instant, commence their hourly trips from Alexandria at 7 a. m.; last trip from Alexandria at 6 p. m.; last trip from Washington city at 7 a. m.; last trip from Washington city at 6 p. m. By this arrangement a safe hourly communication may be had with Washington, and connection made with the 7 o'clock a. m. train for Baltimore.

The steamer WAWANET is making her usual trips down the Potomac to Upper river, leaving Alexandria at 7 a. m., and returning, leaving Washington at 4 o'clock p. m., and returning, leaving Alexandria at 7 a. m. For further information apply to SAM'L GEDNEY, Agent.

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AUCTION SALES.

By John H. Parrott, Auctioneer.

TRUST SALE.—By virtue of a deed of trust from Virginia South to the undersigned, dated the 10th day of August, 1870, of record on the land records of Fairfax county, Virginia, for the purposes of said deed, I shall, on TUESDAY, the 27th day of December, 1870, at 12 o'clock, in front of the Mayor's office, in Alexandria, Va., as trustee in said deed named, offer for sale, by public auction, the following described TRACT OF LAND, in said county of Fairfax, part of the BUSH-HILL ESTATE, viz: Beginning at a stone marked R. M. S. 2, being the corner of a tract of land conveyed by Josiah Watson and wife to Richard Marshall Scott, on the 16th of August, 1870, and running thence with the 4th line of said tract reversed north 74° east 68 poles to the corner D of said above mentioned tract; thence with the 4th line of said tract reversed south 17° east 197 poles to a stone marked R. M. S. 2; thence again with the lines of the above mentioned tract conveyed by Josiah Watson and wife to R. M. Scott south 78° west 73 poles to the corner E of said tract; thence with the last line of the said tract reversed to the point of beginning, containing about ONE HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND, exclusive of the land occupied by the O. A. & M. R. Co. near the bank of the river.

Terms of sale: One-third of the purchase money in cash, and the residue in two equal installments at six and twelve months, respectively, from the day of sale, with interest; the deferred payments to be secured by negotiable notes, with good endorsers, and also by a lien upon the property—the said property being liable to be sold by public auction upon default in the payment thereof, by virtue of said deed of trust. Deeds and stamps at the cost of the purchaser. WESTL WILLOUGHBY, Trustee. Fairfax co. nov 25-4s

Green & Wise.

(Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers.)

DWELLING AND STORE FOR SALE.—Will be offered for sale by public auction, on THURSDAY, the 29th day of December, 1870, if not sold privately before that time, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the Mayor's office, in Alexandria, Va., that certain three-story BRICK STORE and DWELLING, on the south side of King street, between Royal and Fairfax streets, now occupied by Mr. Anthony Moran, fronting 20 feet on King street and running back 90 feet, with the privilege of an alley to Prince and Royal streets. The dwelling contains 9 rooms, including bath room, kitchen, gas and water, and a good store room and is one of the best locations on King street for any sort of business.

Terms: One-half cash, and the residue in one and two years, with interest; the deferred payments to be secured by the purchaser's bonds, with good sureties, and a retention of the title to the property until the purchase money shall have been paid. Deeds and stamps at the cost of purchaser. dec 15-4s

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN WEST END, FAIRFAX CO., VA.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, pronounced at its November term, 1870, in the chancery suit of Lucille Coxen, guardian, vs. Charles Coxen, et al., the undersigned, commissioner appointed by the said decree, will offer for sale, by public auction, at Cate's tavern, in West End, in Fairfax county, Va., on SATURDAY, the 21st day of January, 1871, at 12 o'clock m., the TRACT OF LAND and LOT OF GROUND, of which James Coxen died seized and possessed, which was under and which is particularly described in a deed from George H. Padgett and wife to James Coxen, dated January 1st, 1861, and recorded in liber E, No. 4, folio 357, one of the Fairfax county land records.

Terms: One-third of the purchase money in cash, and the residue in two equal payments at six and twelve months; the deferred payments to be secured by the purchaser's bonds, with good sureties, and a retention of the title to the property until the purchase money shall have been paid. Deeds and stamps at the cost of purchaser. D. L. SMOOT, Comm'r. of Sale. Fairfax county, dec 13-4s

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE NEAR ALEXANDRIA, VA.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, pronounced at its November term, 1870, in the chancery suit of Crump and wife vs. Taylor et al., the undersigned, commissioner appointed by the said decree, will offer for sale, by public auction, at Cate's tavern, in West End, in Fairfax county, Va., on SATURDAY, the 21st day of January, 1871, at 12 o'clock m., the TRACT OF LAND of which John Taylor died seized and possessed, containing TWENTY ACRES, more or less, well improved with DWELLING, HOUSE, fences, &c., binding on the Little River Turnpike, and about one mile from Alexandria. This place would make a fine garden farm.

Terms: One-tenth of the purchase money in cash; the residue in three equal payments at six, twelve and eighteen months; the deferred payments to be secured by the purchaser's bonds, with good sureties, and a retention of the title to the property until the purchase money shall have been paid. Deeds and stamps at the cost of purchaser. ALBERT STUART, THOMAS MOORE, D. L. SMOOT, Comm'rs. of Sale. Fairfax co. dec 13-4s

By Beck, Knox & Kerby.

(Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers.)

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—By virtue of a decree of the County Court of Alexandria county, pronounced at its June term 1869, in the chancery suit of John Howell vs. William H. Shirley, the undersigned, Commissioner appointed by the said decree, will offer for sale, by public auction, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the Mayor's office, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of January, 1871, at 12 o'clock m., the undivided one-twelfth interest of the said William H. Shirley in the HOUSE and LOT OF GROUND, situated between King and Prince streets in the city of Alexandria, numbered 14.

TERMS—One-third of the purchased money in cash; the residue in two equal payments at six and twelve months; the deferred payments to be secured by the purchaser's bonds, with good sureties, and a retention of the title to the property until the purchase money shall have been paid. Stamps and deed to be paid for by purchaser. D. L. SMOOT, Commissioner. dec 14-4s

LAND FOR SALE.

Pursuant to a deed of trust from Lee Tuttle to the undersigned, bearing date April 2nd, 1869, and of record on the land records of Fairfax county, liber B, No. 4, page 78, I shall, on MONDAY, the 19th day of December, 1870, Court day, in front of the Court House door of Fairfax county, sell to the highest bidder, the following described property: All that TRACT or PARCEL OF LAND, containing two hundred and ninety-five acres and one hundred and forty-one poles. This land lies near Burke's station, O. A. & M. R. R., and near C. A. Arundell's.

Terms: So much cash as will discharge the expenses of sale and the amount due and unpaid under said deed of trust, and the residue on a credit of six months. The cash required will be announced on the day of sale. Selling as trustee I will convey such title as is vested in me by said deed of trust only, which is believed to be good. WM. SAGAR, Trustee. Fairfax county, nov 19-4s

A LARGE SUPPLY OF PERFUMERIES.

A Pounce and Fancy Articles, such as Brushes, Combs, Chamois Skins, Sponges &c., just received and for sale by SAM'L LUMT, dec 16 N. E. cor. King & Washington sts.

1000 LBS PRIME GLASSES BUTTER

received this day and for sale by G. WM. RAMSAY, dec 16 147 King street.

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Terms of sale: Enough cash in hand to pay the expenses of sale and costs of suit, and the residue in three equal installments at six, twelve and eighteen months, with interest; the purchaser to give bond, the title to be retained, and the cash payment forfeited should he fail to make the deferred payments. M. DULANY BALL, Comm'r. of Sale. dec 22-4s

By John H. Parrott, Auctioneer.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA.

The undersigned, Commissioner of sale, by authority of a decree of the Circuit Court for the county of Alexandria, rendered at the November term, 1870, of said Court, in the suit of James Green vs. Wilkinson Hunter, three equal installments of a deed of trust from Alexander Boyd, dated June 15, 1868, the subscriber will sell, by public auction, on SATURDAY, December 10th, 1870, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the Mayor's office, in the city of Alexandria, Va., that TRACT OF LAND, situated on the north side of the City of Alexandria, on the north side of Four Mile Run, between the Washington and Alexandria Railroad and Turnpike and the Potomac river, containing ONE HUNDRED ACRES, more or less, being that part of the "Summer Hill" farm, which lies east of said railroad.

Terms cash. S. FERGUSON BEACH, Trustee. nov 6-6s

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE ON THE WASHINGTON CITY ROAD, MIDWAY BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the county of Alexandria, rendered at the November term, 1870, in the case of Hunter vs. Williams, et al., the undersigned, Commissioner of sale, for the purpose, will sell, to the highest bidder at public auction, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of January, 1871, in front of the Mayor's office, Alexandria, Va., that TRACT OF LAND situated in Alexandria county, Va., and known as "SUMMER HILL," containing one hundred and fifty acres, more or less.

Terms of Sale: A sufficient amount in cash to pay the expenses of sale, and the residue in three equal installments, payable annually from the day of sale, bearing interest from the day of sale; the title to be retained until all the purchase money is paid, and the deferred payments to be secured by the purchaser's bonds, with good sureties, and a retention of the title to the property until the purchase money shall have been paid. C. W. WATKINS, S. CHAPMAN & SONS, Comm'rs. of Sale. dec 6-2s

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PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY IN ALEXANDRIA.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Alexandria county, rendered at its October term, 1870, in the case of E. B. Addison, 1st of said Court, the undersigned, Commissioner of sale, will sell, by public auction, on MONDAY, the 21st day of January, 1871, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the Mayor's office, in Alexandria, Va., a very valuable TRACT OF LAND, lying in Alexandria county, Va., and known as "SUMMER HILL," containing one hundred and fifty acres, more or less, bounded on the north by the Potomac river, on the east by the Washington and Alexandria Railroad and Turnpike, on the south by the Potomac river, and on the west by the Washington and Alexandria Railroad and Turnpike.

Terms: One-tenth cash, and the residue in three equal installments at six, twelve and eighteen months, with interest, secured by the notes of the purchaser and retention of the title until the last payment is made. The cash payment to be forfeited on failure of the purchaser to complete his title. M. DULANY BALL, Comm'r. of Sale. dec 3-2s

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Westmoreland county, entered on the 20th day of October, 1870, in the case of Terryberry against Tilly's administrator and others, the undersigned, Commissioner of sale, will sell, by public auction, on the 21st day of DECEMBER, 1870, at Oak Grove, Westmoreland county, the TRACT OF LAND in the proceedings mentioned known as "BRICK HOUSE FARM."

Terms: Enough cash to pay the expenses of the sale and costs of the suit; the residue of the purchase money upon a credit of one, two and three years, in three equal installments; the purchaser being required to give bond, bearing interest from the day of sale, and the deferred payments to be secured by the purchaser's bonds, and the title retained until the whole of the purchase money is paid.

This is a valuable and compact farm; has on it small but comfortable buildings. The arable and wood land is well proportioned. It lies within two and a half miles of a wharf on the Potomac river, and is almost surrounded by the river. One-half a mile of fencing will enclose the farm. For further particulars apply to R. B. LEWIS, Comm'r. Westmoreland co. nov 15-4s

LUMBER, &c., FOR SALE.

Persons wishing to purchase LUMBER, &c., will please examine the stock at B. F. BRUNER'S LUMBER YARD, on Duke street, where bargains can be obtained on accommodating terms by applying to Stephen Swain, esq., who is authorized to sell in such quantities and at such rates as will curiously please purchasers.

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D. L. SMOOT, Trustee. nov 8-4f

CHINA, GLASS AND EARTHENWARE.

I am now receiving my FALL STOCK OF GOODS, which I offer to country merchants and dealers generally at low prices, as they are brought direct from the North. My stock is very complete, comprising RATHENWARE of all kinds, from common to the best China. GLASS-WARE is of good quality, FRENCH CHINA TEA and COFFEE SETS and FANCY CHINA of all kinds.

Particular attention paid to the country trade, and merchants will do well to call and examine my stock, as I am satisfied they will be pleased with my goods and prices, and they will save in freights by purchasing here.

E. J. MILLER, 65 King st. sep 27-60m

AUCTION SALES.

PRUSTE'S SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.

By virtue of a deed of trust executed by Richard N. Johnson, on the 6th of April, 1868, and for the purposes therein declared, the undersigned, with M. DULANY, on the 6th day of February, 1871, that being Court day, at the front door of the Court House, in Brentsville, offer for sale the TRACTS OF LAND sold and conveyed by Robert C. Weir to Richard N. Johnson, containing 400 acres, 1 road and 32 poles. This land is beautifully situated on the O. A. & M. R. R. between Manassas and Bristow—2 1/2 miles from the former place. It is naturally a fine soil, and much of the place is now in good condition for farming. The improvement is a fine house, and persons desiring to purchase are invited to examine the premises before the sale.

Terms: By the deed of trust a cash sale is required, but arrangements will be made by the parties in interest to make the terms liberal. The property is believed to be unquestionable, but only such as is vested in me by said deed of trust will be conveyed.

EPPA HUNTON, Trustee. Prince William county, dec 21-4s

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FOR RENT AND RENT.

FOR RENT—DWELLING HOUSE.

179 King street, over Wm. F. Brookes' store. Gas and water. Terms easy. Apply to Dr. D. M. FRENCH. dec 7

FOR RENT.—That large and most desirable BRICK HOUSE, No. 58 Washington street, corner of Queen. This is a most highly situated house, with 18 rooms; in a good healthy and pleasant neighborhood; it is in good order and condition; has large yards on the west and south, with grapes, fruit trees and flowers. E. J. LLOYD, No. 104 Queen street. dec 6-4f

FOR RENT—A HOUSE, LOT and GARDEN.—The Palace, O. A. & M. R. R., known as the house built and owned by Major Thos. R. Foster. The house and situation are most desirable for taking summer boarders. Possession given first of January, 1871. Rent moderate. For further information apply to EDWARD H. BEECHER. dec 8-60w The Palace, Fauquier county.

FOR RENT—THE STORE and DWELLING.—on south side of King street, west of Pitt street, No. 122, now occupied by Reddy & Rochford as a picture and looking glass store; an excellent stand for any kind of business and can comfortably accommodate a family should the tenant require it. Possession given on the 1st day of January, 1871. Apply to R. H. MILLER. dec 13-60w

FOR SALE.—The slightly situated three-story BRICK HOUSE, 106 Duke street, between Pitt and St. Asaph, containing ten rooms and bath room, with hot and cold water. The house is furnished throughout with gas and fixtures and is a most desirable residence. It is located in a pleasant neighborhood. The adjoining lot is offered with the above mentioned property, or it will be sold separately if desired. For terms apply at No. 41 south St. Asaph street. nov 10-4f

BOOTS AND SHOES.

LADIES' BUTTON BOOTS.

A fine stock; French Kid, Velvet, English and French Cloth, Kid Foxed, Russia Foxed, Turkey Morocco Foxed and other new styles, which cannot be surpassed for beauty, durability and cheapness. At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' WALKING BOOTS.

A large stock, and a great variety of new styles, French Kid, Pebble Goat, Russia, English and French Cloth, Kid Foxed, Turkey Morocco Foxed, Lasting Calf Foxed, Plain Goat Morocco and Calf Boots, at very low prices. At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

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LADIES' PARLOR